I think the proposed MS settlement is bad for a number of reasons, but one in particular is the restrictive of the EULA and how that is being treated by the settlement. Under the current EULA, Microsoft APIs are prohibited for use in open source software. Since open source software can run on a number of platforms, including Linux, Microsoft would be afraid of losing markest share for Windows. However, since the EULA prohitbits this, they are stifling competition by putting up a barrier of entry in the market and not allowing open source projects to use Microsoft APIs. Two such products that would greatly benefit are Star Office and Netscape Navigator, both of which run on a variety of platforms but are stifled in the Windows market because they do not integrate as tightly with Windows as MS Office and Internet Explorer. The proposed settlement does not address this issue, and therefore does not knock down barriers of entry into the Microsoft monopoly.

As an open source developer, this concerns me greatly. And this is only one of a large number of problems with the proposed remedies. Microsoft is getting off way too easy, please reconsider.

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